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PRODUCE ADEQUATE IN BELGRADE MARKETS

VEGETABLE SUPPLY IMPROVES -- Politika, No 13275, 27 Jun 49

Despite many complications, this year's supply of fruits and vegetables in Belgrade has been adequate. Vegetables in particular have been available in sufficient quantity in all Belgrade markets. An average of 25 - 35 car-loads of vegetables arrive every day, or 500 - 750 gramc daily per resident, although heavy rains often make shipments impossible.

Two thirds of the total supply of vegetables in Belgrade goes to the socialistic sector, 30 - 35 percent of which consists of municipal enterprises, 25 - 30 percent of district enterprises, and 30 - 35 percent of cooperatives. Pancevacki Rit supplies 15 - 25 percent of the vegetables supplied to the socialistic sector.

The vegetable supply in general is greatly improved since last year. Prices are definitely lower. During the first 10 days of June 1948 and 1949 respectively, potatoes cost 23 and 14 dinars per kilogram, onions 12 and 4 dinars, and cabbage 20 and 15 dinars.

All produce from Pancevacki Rit sells for much less than other produce, sometimes 6 or 7 dinars less, because this area belongs to the socialistic sector. Vegetables for the Belgrade market also come from 18 srez of the Vojvodina and Serbia proper.

However, the fruit supply this year suffered considerably from blight. Plums were most affected. Nevertheless, 7 - 15 carloads of fruit arrived in Belgrade daily. Besides Smederevo and Belgrade srez, the capital's normal source of supply, 23 srez have been added to the net supplying Belgrade with fruit. Deliveries from these srez should begin soon.

In spite of the blight, prices are fairly low. Cherries cost 18 dinars per kilogram, pears 16 dinars.

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Produce bought from state markets is often inferior to that bought directly from the growers. Sometimes perishable fruits and vegetables are left too long in storage warehouses, and produce arriving in carload lots may be difficult to sell promptly to consumers.

CEMENT BAGS NOW MADE IN YUGOSLAVIA -- Tehnika Narodu, No 17, 27 Apr 49

A new machine for the production of paper for cement bags was put into operation in April. This is the first machine for the paper industry to have been built in Yugoslavia since the liberation. This machine will increase the productive capacity of the Yugoslav paper industry by 80 percent.

Whereas in the past paper for cement bags had to be imported, Yugoslav industry will now be able to fill the requirements of the cement industry.

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POWER INDUSTRY
SHOWS VAST EXPANSION

230 PLANTS BEING BUILT -- Politika, No 13277, 30 Jun 49

Nikola Petrovic, Federal Minister of Electric Economy, announced on 29 June that the Ministry now controls, directly or indirectly, 67 enterprises as compared with 16 in 1948. Last year it built 30 major installations of capital construction, directly or indirectly, and 230 more hydroelectric and thermoelectric power plants and long-distance power lines are now under construction.

After the Czechoslovak government suspended deliveries of equipment for several large thermoelectric and hydroelectric power plants ordered under the terms of the 1946 trade agreement, the Ministry succeeded in placing orders for other equipment, fully as good, in other countries.

CZECH EXPERTS LEAVE SKOPLJE POWER PLANT -- Politika, No 13275, 27 Jun 49

Within 2 days after the departure of the Czechoslovak technicians who were building and assembling equipment in the large thermoelectric power plant that was to supply Skoplje with power, Yugoslav workers and engineers were already at work taking their places. Before they left, the Czechs destroyed the plans for the assembly and installation of the boilers and other equipment. They had promised to complete the work in September or October, but the Yugoslav workers, who formerly were only assistants to the Czech experts, have pledged that the turbines will be ready and the plant in operation by 2 August. The boilers will begin trial operation in the second half of July.

As a result of the Cominform resolution, Czechoslovakia has suspended shipment of essential equipment such as cables, parts of boilers, and other equipment. Motors have arrived with parts missing.

The "Marshal Tito" factory has undertaken the manufacture of such missing parts as kindling equipment for oil-heated boilers. Cables will be made by the Yugoslav electrical products industry.

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CITY WORKERS ELECTRIFY SLAVONIAN VILLAGE -- Politika, No 13275, 27 Jun 49

Members of the "Slavonac" Automotive Society in Osijek are busy repairing a worn-out electric motor, on a voluntary basis and as rapidly as possible, to provide electric lighting for the village of Drvarusa in Osijek Srez. All the villagers are members of the "Jakov Blazevic" cooperative.

This example of cooperation between city and farm workers is being followed by many workers' collectives in Osijek, who spend their days off in farm workers' cooperatives repairing machinery and tools for the members.

POWER LINE COMPLETED -- Borba, No 140, 14 Jun 49

The installation of the Maribor-Varazdin long-distance power line has been completed ahead of schedule. The erection of the reinforced-concrete poles was completed last December, and work was begun immediately thereafter on installing the line.

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